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Incident / DR#: Attempt Homicide / 12-7522

Date: June 24, 2012

Location: Wilson Street / Placentia Avenue

Time: 12:20 a.m.

Victim:	Name: Male Hispanic Adult City of Residence: Costa Mesa Injuries/Condition: (2) stab wounds/lacerations to chest and upper abdomen (both serious), (1) minor puncture type injury to side of head	Age: 25 Hospital: UCI Medical Center. Currently in stable condition
Suspect:	Name: (2) Unknown Male Hispanic subjects City of Residence: Unknown : Both had dark clothing and short cropped hair	Age: Unknown

Synopsis:

On June 24, 2012, at about 1220 a.m., Sunday morning, the victim and a male companion were walking on Placentia Avenue near Wilson Street, when they were confronted by two male Hispanic suspects. One of the suspects asked the victim where they—he and his companion—were from, believed to be in reference to what neighborhood and/or gang they might be affiliate with. One of the suspects then threw an object, possibly a brick or sharp edged rock, at the victim, striking him in the side of the head. The victim threw the object back at one of the suspects, and believed it struck. That suspect then rushed at the victim and the two began fist fighting. During the fight, the suspect produced a knife, stabbing/slashing at the victim's chest and abdomen area. Both the stabber and the other suspect then fled the area on foot.

Both suspects were described only as being Hispanic males, believed to be adults, wearing dark clothing and having shortly cropped dark hair.

The victim sustained two serious laceration type wounds to his right chest and upper abdominal area, as well as a minor puncture type injury to the side of his head. He was treated at the scene by CMFD Paramedics and subsequently transported to UCI Medical center for further treatment. He is currently listed in stable condition and is expected to make a full recovery. A brick, believed to be used in the assault, was found near the scene of the incident. The knife used was not recovered and is believed to have been retained by the suspect.

This is believed to be gang related. Due to the severity and nature of injuries it is being investigated as an attempt homicide.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Costa Mesa Police Department Gang Investigations Unit, Officer J. Brown @ (714) 754-4908, or the Investigative Services Bureau at (714) 754-5205.

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